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SUBJECT: GOJ PUBLICLY LINKS FATAH AL-ISLAM LEADER TO FOLEY
ASSASSINATION

REF: A. AMMAN 2172

[1](#)B. 06 AMMAN 1827
[1](#)C. 04 AMMAN 2645

[1](#)1. (U) CONFIRMING REPORTS IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, GOJ
SPOKESMAN NASSER JOUDEH SAID DURING A WEEKLY BRIEFING TO
JOURNALISTS ON MAY 22 THAT FATAH AL-ISLAM LEADER SHAKER
AL-ABSI WAS A "JORDANIAN NATIONAL" WHO WAS CONVICTED IN
ABSENTIA AND SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 2002
ASSASSINATION OF USAID DIPLOMAT LAWRENCE FOLEY (REF C).

[1](#)2. (U) TWO OF AL-ABSI'S COHORTS, LIBYAN NATIONAL SALIM SUWAYD
AND JORDANIAN NATIONAL YASIR FURAYHAT, WERE HANGED ON MARCH
11, 2006 FOLLOWING THEIR CONVICTIONS IN THE SAME TRIAL (REF
B).

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